

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2025 'LUCCIO' ALBARIÑO

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Clare Valley endured one of its most challenging vintages, with the second driest year on record. A wet July was followed by a dry, warm spring and summer. On 17 September, frost hit our Polish Hill vineyard just after budburst. Fortunately, the early timing of the frost allowed our vines to respond with healthy shoot growth and a smaller canopy. Lower yields and careful irrigation led to full ripeness.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Sourced from our own Polish Hill River Estate, we see this variety as having a strong future in the Clare Valley, as it has great resilience across extreme vintage conditions.

Fruit Source: Estate

Variety: Albariño

Vintage: 2025

Region: Clare Valley

Alc/Vol 11% **RS** 1.9 g/L

pH 3.3 **TA** 7.52 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Pale straw with green hues.

Aroma: A vibrant array of citrus leads the way, from zesty grated lemon peel to tangy preserved lemons and juicy limes. Fresh notes of green apple skin and crisp diced cucumber add a refreshing edge, while delicate florals of jasmine and lime blossom create an enticing and aromatic profile.

Palate: A citrus-driven freshness takes center stage, complemented by the variety's signature briny edge. Layers of generous tropical fruit emerge, green melon, white peach, and a hint of ground ginger, while a snap of Granny Smith apple adds lively tartness. The result is a vibrant wine with a plush mouthfeel, balanced by the mouthwatering acidity and enduring length that define its Polish Hill River origins.

Summary: Native to the Iberian Coast, this variety is a natural match for seafood, from grilled fish to braised octopus, and best enjoyed with a squeeze of fresh lemon. At its most vibrant upon release, particularly in its first few summers.

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is a family-founded winery, established in 1984 when the Pike family began crafting wine together in Polish Hill River. Our unique site features tough acidic soils over ancient Kadlunga Slate, 650 million years old. Our wines are elegant and approachable, shaped by the land, years of viticultural experience, and a hands-off winemaking style.

Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am - 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu - Sun & Dinner from 6pm Sat

